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Report on Cuba Is Realistic Review

The special Senate preparedness investigating subcommittee headed by John Stennis has performed a useful service to the nation.

Its interim report on United States intelligence agencies' activities with regard to the Cuban situation, has brought out some hard facts on Soviet occupation and interference.

The report has also revealed some of the deficiencies of the Central Intelligence Agency, in that "the number of Soviet troops in Cuba was substantially underestimated throughout the crisis."

The Stennis committee has called for "penetrating and continuing on-site inspection." It has pointed to the capability of Soviet and Castro troops in suppressing any internal rebellion or revolt. And the committee has emphasized its evidence that Castro is "supporting, spurring, aiding and abetting Communist revolutionary and subversive movements throughout the Western Hemisphere and that

such activities present a grave and ominous threat to the peace and security of the Americas."

Various Cuban refugee organizations have attempted through their own intelligence sources to keep Americans informed on the Communist threats from Cuba. The Kennedy administration has been reluctant to acknowledge the authenticity of these reports from exile sources. The verification by the findings of the Stennis committee well justifies the kind of probing that Congress should continue to do, in behalf of our own national security.

